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**Low Power Transmitter at Kankauli,
Maharashtra**

3082. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given on November, 25, 1991 to Unstarred Question No. 484 and state:

(a) the details of the expenditure originally in the Doordarshan budget for 1991-92;

(b) the expenditure, so far, incurred during the year so far;

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed and the expenditure involved on its completion; and

(d) the total number of villages alongwith the population expected to be covered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) An amount of Rs. 18.28 lakhs has been provided for in the Annual Budget of Doordarshan 1991-92 for the Low Power TV Transmitter project at Kankauli, Maharashtra.

(b) Whereas no expenditure has so far been incurred on the project, an amount of 18.28 lakhs is expected to be incurred by the end of March, 1992.

(c) As per the present indications, the transmitter at Kankauli is expected to be commissioned into service during 1993-94.

(d) On commissioning of the said transmitter, 315 villages and about 3 lakhs of population is expected to benefit by the TV service.

Air Hostesses in Indian Airlines and Air India

3083. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of air hostesses working in Indian Airlines and Air India flight, in service, flights-wise;

(b) the number out of them who have crossed 4 years of age;

(c) whether there is any proposal to take back all those hostesses who are 40 years of age and above from inflight service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The total number of air hostesses working in Air India and Indian Airlines as on date is as under:—

Air India — 1004

Indian Air lines — 882

(b) The number of air hostesses in Air India and Indian Airlines who have crossed 40 years of age is as under:—

Air India — 59

Indian Air lines — 51

(c) and (d) Air hostesses in Indian Airlines can perform flying duties till the age of 58 years while in Air India, they can undertake flight duties upto the age of 45 years after which they are assigned ground duties. The Corporation has taken this